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Subject: Approval of Calendar Year (CY) 2019 Colorado River Diversion for the Central Arizona Water Conservation District (District)

Dear Mr. Cooke:

The Bureau of Reclamation has received the District's CY 2019 Colorado River diversion estimate. In accordance with Title 43, Code of Federal Regulations Part 417 (Part 417), this letter provides the District with notice of my determination regarding the District's proposed diversion and beneficial use of Colorado River water for CY 2019.

Under Contract No. 14-06-W-245, as amended and supplemented, the District is entitled to divert the balance of Arizona's 2.8 million acre-feet (AF) basic apportionment not consumed by higher priority Arizona entitlement holders. The District's CY 2019 diversion estimate reflects a schedule to divert 1.552 million AF, and states that the District has planned its CY 2019 diversions to manage Arizona's full 2.8 million AF apportionment in accordance with higher priority uses and known programs or agreements that contribute water to Lake Mead.

This approval incorporates System Conservation Water that will be created by: (1) the Colorado River Indian Tribes (CRIT) fallowing of agricultural lands known as the MTA Farms pursuant to System Conservation Implementation Agreement (SCIA) No. 18-XX-30-W0634; and (2) the City of Bullhead City's (BHC) operation of its treated effluent Injection Well System pursuant to SCIA No. 15-XX-30-W0587, as amended.

Based upon the approved water orders of higher priority Arizona entitlement holders, Reclamation estimates that 1,565,115 AF of Arizona basic apportionment will be available to the District in CY 2019. Taking into consideration this estimate, a review of the District's CY 2019 diversion estimate, and information gathered during Reclamation's Part 417 consultation, I approve the diversion of up to 1,565,115 AF of Colorado River water during CY 2019 for use in the District's service area. I also approve the District to divert any additional unused Arizona basic apportionment of Colorado River water as reflected on Reclamation's website, to the extent such water becomes available during CY 2019.

The table below provides the factors used to develop the District's approved diversion for CY 2019.

Water Budget Factor	Amount (AF)
Arizona Basic Apportionment	2,800,000
Estimated Uses by Higher Priority Arizona Entitlement Holders	(1,224,728)
System Conservation Water – BHC	(840)
System Conservation Water – CRIT (MTA Farms)	(9,317)
Total Approved Diversion	1,565,115

This approval is subject to the following conditions:

- (1) The data on Reclamation's website are provisional until final records are issued. Any diversions made in reliance on those website values are at the District's own risk.
- (2) All available Colorado River water within Arizona has been approved for beneficial use within the state. In cases where approvals to higher priority entitlement holders are less than their Colorado River entitlements, the approvals may be increased to their full entitlements.
- (3) Final accounting records published by Reclamation may differ from the provisional data on the website. Adjustments to the final records may result in an inadvertent overrun by the District.
- (4) The District will be required to pay back any overrun according to the Inadvertent Overrun and Payback Policy.
- (5) Reclamation may at any time rescind this approval to divert unused Arizona apportionment of Colorado River water.

This approval does not incorporate System Conservation Water that will be created by the Fort McDowell Yavapai Nation (FMYN) in CY 2019. Pursuant to Section 4.3.1 of SCIA No. 18-XX-30-W0642, the District will need to amend its CY 2019 Colorado River water order to ensure this water remains in Lake Mead as System Conservation Water.

Reclamation will monitor and project diversions and consumptive use of Colorado River water during CY 2019 to ensure each entitlement holder's annual approval amount is not exceeded. Beginning in January 2019, these projections will be available to water users each day on Reclamation's website: www.usbr.gov/lc/region/g4000/hourly/forecast.pdf. It is expected that entitlement holders within the state of Arizona will use this information to adjust diversions to remain within approved annual quantities or, as appropriate, seek modification of the approval.

Thank you for submitting the District's diversion estimate for CY 2019. If you have questions, please contact Mr. Paul Matuska, Water Accounting and Verification Group Manager, at 702-293-8164 or pmatуска@usbr.gov.

Sincerely,



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